(b) if so, the number of persons arrested in 2002-03 especially in Jaisalmer and Barmer sector; and

(c) the steps taken to stop infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) Yes, Sir. Infiltration by agents of Pakistan Field Intelligence unit/ISI has been reported recently on the Indo-Pak Border in Rajasthan;

(b) The details of apprehension on the Indo-Pak Border in the Jaisalmer and Barmer Sectors are annexed as Statement. (*See* below).

(c) Government has adopted a well-cordinated and multi-pronged approach for preventing Pakistani intruders entering into the country, which include fencing of the International Border, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close interaction between different agencies of Centre and the State Government, modernization and upgradation of Police and Security Forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system, etc.

Statement

The details of apprehensions on Indo-Pak border in Jaisalmer and Barmer Sectors

SECTOR	2002	2003
Jaisalmer	07	01
Barmer	17	05
Total	24	06

Powers to arrest and deport illegal Bangladeshi immigrants

1829. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has asked the Centre to

vest officers of the State with powers to arrest and deport illegal Bangladeshi immigrants;

(b) whether the Centre is also seized of the problem of illegal migrants gaining clout, armed with voting rights and claims of Indian citizenship; and

(c) if so, the steps being contemplated to check the influx?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Illegal migrants, including a large number of Bangladeshi nationals have been staying in various parts of the country unauthorisedly and the possibility of inclusion of their names in the electoral rolls etc. can not be ruled out. The Central Government has taken several steps to deal with the situation. Powers under the Foreigners Act, 1946 to detect and deport foreign nationals staying in India unauthorisedly have been entrusted to the State Governments and UT Administrations. Besides, administrative instructions are also issued to them from time to time to launch special drives to detect foreign nationals staying illegally in the country for their immediate deportation. Further to check illegal influx into the country, several measures have been taken by the Government which include strengthening of BSF and equipping them with modern and sophisticated equipment/gadgets; raising of additional battalion of BSF; reduction of gaps between border outposts; intensification of patrolling; accelerated programme of construction of border roads and border fencing; provision of surveillance equipment etc.

Militancy in North-Eastern States

1830. SHRI MATI LAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many attacks by the militants have taken place in the North Eastern States during the last six months ending 30th June, 2003, State-wise;

(b) the number of casualties in these attacks, State-wise;